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Subject: Archaeological Resources Study of NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Federal Airfield, Santa Clara County, CA

Dear Ms. Polanco,

Pursuant to its responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and in support of its proposal to enter into a Programmatic Agreement (PA) between NASA, State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to streamline the Section 106 process for undertakings that are unlikely to have any adverse effects on historic properties, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) requests your review of the attached *Archaeological Resources Study* (AECOM 2017) of NASA Ames Research Center. The document is intended to serve as a baseline study for the future investigation and treatment of archaeological resources at NASA Ames Research Center. Please consider the report as it would relate to the proposed PA as the basis for NASA's qualified personnel to refer to in determining archaeological needs for future undertakings.

NASA is seeking your concurrence and approval of the report. Please provide concurrence or typed edits by April 10, 2017, which will coincide with the next comment due date for the PA (expected to be received by your office on March 10, 2017). We look forward to your response in conjunction with review of the next draft of the Programmatic Agreement.

Sincerely

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Enclosure: Archaeological Resources Study for NASA Ames Research Center, prepared by AECOM, 2017.